



Virginia Department of

Health Professions

Board of Social Work

Virginia Board of Social Work**Regulatory Committee Meeting Minutes****Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.****9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233****Training Room 1**

- PRESIDING OFFICER:** John Salay, MSW, LCSW, Committee Chair
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maria Eugenia del Villar, MSW, LCSW
Michael Hayter, MSW, LCSW, CSAC
Gloria Manns, MSW, LCSW (*joined meeting at 1:28pm*)
Dolores Paulson, PhD, LCSW
- BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Latasha Austin, Licensing & Operations Manager
Jaime Hoyle, J.D., Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director- Discipline
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director- Licensing
Sharniece Vaughan, Licensing Specialist
- DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Compliance Manager, Department of Health Professions
- PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Joseph G. Lynch, LCSW, Virginia Society for Clinical Social Work
Heather Stone, LCSW, National Association of Social Workers- Virginia Chapter
- CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Salay called the Regulatory Committee meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM/ROLL CALL:** Mr. Salay requested a roll call by Ms. Austin. Ms. Austin announced that four members of the committee were present at roll call; therefore, a quorum was established.
- MISSION STATEMENT:** Ms. Hoyle read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which is also the mission statement of the Committee and Board.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting minutes from the Regulatory Committee Meeting held on March 11, 2021 were approved as written.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Stone provided public comment indicating that the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) was in support of the public comment provided by Mr. Lynch that was included in the agenda packet.
- Mr. Lynch also provided public comment. A copy of the public comment provided was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Lynch expressed public comment regarding the three following concerns:
1. LMSW definition in the Code- The need to change the definition of “Masters Social Worker” in the Code of Virginia.
 2. LMSW as requirement for LCSW supervisees- The need to bring Virginia into alignment with the majority of US jurisdictions that require social workers under supervision toward the ASWB clinical exam to be licensed while under such supervision.
 3. Interconnectedness between unlicensed social workers, LBSW & LMSW, the QMHP and the Licensed Resident in Counseling.
- MOTION:** A motion was made by Dr. Paulson, which Ms. del Villar properly seconded, to amend the agenda to add a discussion regarding endorsement applicants who have not taken the

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**I. Levels of Licensure**

The Committee discussed levels toward licensure and the need to license individuals who may be providing clinical services, as defined, but are not licensed due to exemptions from licensure in the Code. The Committee discussed licensure for supervisees in social work.

Motion: Dr. Paulson made a motion, which Ms. del Villar properly seconded, to recommend to the full Board to amend § 54.1-3705 of the Code of Virginia to license as residents persons proposing to obtain supervised post-degree experience in the practice of social work required by the Board for licensure as a clinical social worker. The motion passed with four in favor and one opposed.

The Committee took a break at 2:30pm. The Committee reconvened at 2:47pm.

NEW BUSINESS:**I. Recommendation for adoption of a Periodic Review**

Ms. Hoyle discussed with the Committee that the Board is due for a periodic review.

Motion: Dr. Paulson made a motion, which Mr. Hayter properly seconded, to recommend to the full Board to adopt a Notice of Periodic Review. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Discussion of Guidance Document regarding Emotional Support Animals

The Committee discussed and reviewed the guidance document on emotional support animals developed by the Board of Counseling. The document was developed because of complaints that had been submitted to the Board.

Motion: Mr. Hayter made a motion, which Ms. Manns properly seconded, to recommend to the full Board to have staff develop a Board of Social Work guidance document on emotional support animals. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Endorsement applicant being required to take exam

The Committee discussed endorsement applicants who have been licensed in another state/jurisdiction at the clinical level but have not taken the ASWB clinical exam, as the exam was not a requirement at the time they were licensed in their original state/jurisdiction of licensure.

Motion: Dr. Paulson made a motion, which Ms. Manns properly seconded, to recommend to the full Board to amend the licensure by endorsement requirements in the regulations to accept licensees who have taken another exam for state licensure other than the ASWB exam at the same level for licensure. The motion passed with three in favor, one opposed, and one abstained.

NEXT MEETING:

Mr. Salay announced that the next Regulatory Committee Meeting would occur on September 9, 2021 at 1:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Salay adjourned the July 22, 2021 Regulatory Committee meeting at 3:43 p.m.

John Salay, MSW, LCSW, Committee Chair

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director